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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2003 for two months from July 18, 2003 to September 18, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

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